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FOR : VECTORS DERIVED FROM BACULOVIRUS AND USE FOR  
TRANSFERRING NUCLEIC ACIDS INTO NERVE CELLS OF  
VERTEBRATES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9 and 12-16, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1-8, 10-11, and 17-19 as follows:

1. (Amended) Recombinant baculovirus comprising a heterologous nucleic acid sequence operatively associated with a promoter sequence, wherein the heterologous